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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Koichi NAOI : PERSONAL ORNAMENT HAVING WHITE  
Akiyoshi TAKAGI : COATING LAYER AND PROCESS FOR  
Yukio MIYA : PRODUCING THE SAME  
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Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1, please delete the section heading "BACKGROUND ART" and replace it with the following rewritten heading:

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION